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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kouichi Katou, et al.

Serial No.: 10/702,038 Group Art Unit: 3676
Filed: November 6, 2003 Examiner: Christopher J. Boswell
For: LOCK APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.